The Late Edmonde de Goncourt's Rival to the Famous French Academy.

NO LACK OF ESTEEM FOR HIS FAMILY

Stung by the Neglect of the Decedent Forty, Edmonde de Goucourt Leaves a Legacy of Over \$4,000,000 to Found a New Academy-Plans of

The French are to have a new academy. There is to be fresh hope held out to those prominent in literature who have been barred from becoming individuals among the immortal forty. The new institution has been founded by the late Edmende de Gencourt, last of the famous MM. de Gencourt who for nearly half a century ranked high in the literary world of France. In his will ke left the bulk of his fortune, amounting to about \$4,000,000, to be used in establishing a new academy, which will probably be known for all time as the De Gencourt academy.

Edmende de Gencourt had felt the injustice of the modern elections to the French academy. He had seen politicians and illiterate bankers given the honored seats while men whose works were the talk of the nation went unrecognized by the one institution which could properly repay them. Both he and his brother had been shut out to make room for gilded incompetents. But he planned his revenge, and now after he is dead he can reward at least some of his contemporaries whose genius he appreciated.

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When the announcement was made that a new academy was to be established, all literary France was set a fintter. It was a somplete surprise. There are to be but ton members of the new academy, so that it will be much more exclusive than the old one. Eight of the members of the new institution were named in the will. They are: Alphonse Daudet, Huyamans, the two Rosmyn brothers, Gustavo Geoffrey, Octave Mirabeau, Leon Hennique and Paul Marguerite. The other two are to be selected by vote of these members.

Most minute provisions for the establishment of the scademy were made in the will. Until the extate is wound up the De Goncourt academiclans are to meet at a monthly dinner to cost \$4 ppr plate. At the last of these dinners, to be held in De-



EDMONDE DE GONCOURT.

comber, they must award the first annual prize of 5,000 france to the author of some prizes work, preferably a novel, which in their judgment is the most valuable production of the year just ended. It is understood that the prizes are always to be awarded to some outsider, not a member of their academy, and, of course, not a member of the other. As for the members of the new academy themselves they are consoled for being debarred from the competition by the fact that they draw an annual pension of \$1,800 for life or so long as they fulfill the conditions of membership. comber, they must award the first annual

A member of the De Goncourt academ A member of the De Goncourt academy cannot be one of the other immortals, and nristocrats, politicians and poets are excluded also. The membership is to be recruited in case of death or rasignation by the votes of the survivors. The number of ten must be perpetuated. Who the other two members are to be is a matter which is being discussed with much interest in France just now. It is the popular opinion that Luciea des Caves and George Rodenbach will be the fortunate litterateurs to be so honored.

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Thus, you see, poor Zola, who has knocked vainly for so many years at the doors of the French academy, will not find a haven in the new one. An intimate friend of De Gonoours says that when the latter confidence of the confiden the French academy, will not the result of the french academy, while not the new one. An intimate friend of the in the new one. An intimate friend of the foncours says that whengshe latter confided to him his project a year or so before his death the author said sadly: "Alas, my academy will not be what I had hoped. I will die too late. I ought to have departed when Flaubert, D'Auroville, Veutlot and Valles were still alive, and before an't use the ring again."

"What would you suggest?"

"I would suggest that the words be anoble company."

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"I would suggest that the words be see with that inscription you can use the ring half a dozen times. I have had experience in such matters myself."—Pearson's Weekly.

Disliked the Name.

Indeed, would I have brought together a noble company."

M. de Gonocurt's last testament explains that he means to show no lack of esteem for his family by apparently distinheriting them, but he know that they were all in such good circumstances that they could do without his money.

Edmonde de Gonocurt was 74 years of age at the time of his death. It was in 1801 that he made his first appearance in literature in some elight sketches written in collaboration with his younger brother, Jules. For almost 20 years the brothers worked together, producing many excellent examples of refined literary workmanship. These comprised histories, novels, ship. These comprised histories, novels, biographical sketches and criticisms.

But their most remarkable work was a series of volumes entitled the "Journal des Goncourts," in which they gave in diary form attractive and intensety interesting pen pictures of the men and women esting pen pictures of the men and women comprising the upper class Beherala of Paris, in which they moved. They were in almost daily communication with such men as Renan, Theophile Gantier, Saint-Beuve, Taine and others. What these literary stars said at those famous gatherings at the Diner Magny the two brothers faithfully set down in their diary, often working until 40 clock in the marning to do so. The first volume of the Do Goncours memoirs was published in 1887, 17 years after the dealy of the youngst brother. Is

ceals with the period between 1868-5, and caused a decided sensation. Many of the persons whose conversations were printed were still alive, and the book was eagerly read. Since then another volume has been read. Since then another volume has been published, and still a third was left by Edmonde in manuscript, but it is not to be printed until 20 years after his death. The two brothers lived in a queer old Paristan mausion which, from ediar to garret, was a veritable musetim. They left more than 40 volumes bohind them to perpetuate their genius, but probably Edmonde's scheme of founding with his money an academy of his own will de more toward immortalizing the name of De Goncourt than anything either of them ever wrote.

Francis B. Talbert.

A SALVATIONIST AFLOAT.

Saptain Crapo Floats the Fing of the American Volunteers.

American Volunteers.

The American Volunteers, Ballington Booth's erganisation, has a ropresentative on the high seas, and the flag of the reorganized Balvationists is proudly floated on the Atlanta. The naval commander of this first floating post is Captain Crape, a tarry old New Bodford whaling master who has had many strangle adventures and can spin many startling yarns about himself and his travels.

Captain Crape has not always been a religious enthusiast. Far from it. He has been, as he himself admits, a bad, bad man



CAPTAIN CRAPO.

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in his day, even for a sailor. But a few weeks ago his ship was wrecked off Cape Hatteras, and while struggling for life, as he clung to the keel of a capstzed yawlboat, he "got religion." About an hour after experiencing his change of heart he was rescued and got a change of clothes. When he was landed at Norfolk, he went straight to New York and there presented himself to Commander Booth.

To the commander the captain confessed

To the commander the captain confessed that he had been bad, but proposed that now he meant to be so good he should be allowed to represent the Volunteers on the briny deep. The cx-Salvationist was delighted with the plan, and so when a few days later Captain Cripo was given command of another whaler, the Manson, he rated to the mashead a big flag of the Velunteers, with its motte, "The Lord Is My Banner," worked out in lig letters. He had some difficulty in shipping a crew owing to the atrange looking flag, but when the men were assured that religion would not be mixed up with business they signed articles, and the Manson salled away, bound for the whaling grounds, amid the derisive shouts of the unrighteous spectators. To the commander the captain confessed

spectators.

Captain Crapo was Born in New Bedford

Captain Crapo was Born in New Bedford Captain Crapo was forn in New Bedford about 50 years ago and has been a whaler ever since he was 14 years old. Once he was cast away on one of the south sea islands and was captured by the nativea. He was adopted by the king of the tribe and lived with them for several years until he managed to escape. He served in the navy during the war and in 1877 won international caputation by crossing the the navy during the war and in 1877 won international reputation by crossing the Atlantie in a whalebeat 19 feet long. His wife accompanied him on this perilous trip. They started from New Budford and arrived safely at Penzance, England, after being many weeks on the water. On a previous occasion he found himself stranded in Buenos Ayres and walked 300 miles across the country to Montevideo. Captain Crape will probably make some converts among his crew. If he doesn't, there may be some sore heads on the Manson, for he has not forgotten how to use a belaying pin even if he has enbraced religion.

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"Certainly not. It's a picture of Hered."

tellin me who 'tig''

"Certainly not. It's a picture of Herodotia. They want to put a statue of him in the Congressional library."

"Do ye think dey'll succeed?"

"I shall be surprised if they do not."

"I's 'pose not. It jis' goes ter show."

"It goes to show what?"

"How much dese foreigners is managin ter mix in and run de affairs o' dis government."—Washington Star.

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